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## **VIA ECF**

Magistrate Judge James R. Cho United States District Court Eastern District of New York 225 Cadman Plaza East Brooklyn, New York 11201

Re: Hough v. Maraj and Petty, Case No. 21-cv-04568-ENV-JRC

Dear Magistrate Judge Cho:

I write to inform you that I have some personal obligations at my home in Connecticut on May 12, 2022 which I will not be able to meet if I travel to the courthouse in Brooklyn for the conference scheduled for that day. Further, I am about to commence two weeks of depositions in a case in the Southern District of New York which cannot be delayed due to an impending discovery deadline.

I know that my appearance is not mandatory, but I understand that the Court believes that there might be some possible value to attending the conference. While I could send a lawyer from my office to attend the conference, I suspect that the Court would like my personal participation.

Under the circumstances, would it be possible for me to appear by phone or Zoom on May 12?

Respectfully yours,

/s/ Judd Burstein

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cc: All Counsel of Record (via ECF)